

SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2026. The meeting took place by remote participation via Zoom Webinar. Select Board Members present were Dawn E. Hill, Tom Dixon, Matt Fee, Dr. Malcolm MacNab and Brooke Mohr. Also present were Operations Administrator Erika Mooney and Licensing Administrator Amy Baxter.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hill called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Select Board Meeting is Being Audio and Video Recorded.

III. LICENSING – DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

1. Request for Renewal of Seasonal Liquor Licenses. Ms. Baxter noted that the Agenda Item Summary (AIS) form in the packet is not correct, but that the renewal list and certification form are correct. She reviewed the request and the list of seasonal liquor license renewals as found in the Select Board's agenda packet, noting that there are still two weeks left until renewals are due so there may be a couple of additions or changes and she might need to bring them to a Wednesday Select Board meeting in order to get the renewals to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) in time. She noted one non-renewal: The Green Gull LLC dba The Green, which has "abandoned" its license with no communication to the Town. She said the Board voted on the seasonal estimated population at its December meeting, which limits the number of seasonal package stores to nine, and with the non-renewal of The Green, one of those licenses will be available. Mr. Fee moved approval of the seasonal liquor license renewals noting the one non-renewal for The Green; seconded by Ms. Mohr; by roll call vote: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

2. Nantucket Wine and Food Festival Charitable Foundation, Inc.: Request for Approval and Execution of Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission Charitable Wine License Applications for Festival Events May 27 - 31, 2026. Ms. Mohr recused herself from this matter, noting the Nantucket Food and Wine Festival (Wine Fest) has made a charitable donation to a nonprofit she is affiliated with. Ms. Baxter reviewed the application. There was no one present from the Wine Fest to review or answer questions. Ms. Baxter explained that the ABCC requires that charity wine partnerships must donate 51% of wine proceeds to charity, and that although the Wine Fest submitted a breakdown of the 51% of proceeds, there was no proof included in the packet information of where the money went. Mr. Dixon asked if it would be within the Board's purview to require more than 51% to go to charity. Ms. Baxter said she would have to consult with Town Counsel, but added that it is up to the Board to ask questions and request further information for the Board to determine if the Wine Fest is still considered in the community's interest. Dr. MacNab said he is uncomfortable moving forward without more information on the charity portion. Ms. Baxter said she can work with the Wine Fest and the ABCC to get more information. After further discussion, Dr. MacNab moved to hold this matter for further information and to allow it to come before the Board at the next available Wednesday night meeting; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

3. Nantucket Island Chamber of Commerce:

a) Request for Approval and Execution of Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Event Notification Form for Daffodil Parade and Sconset Tailgate Picnic to be Held Saturday, April 25, 2026; b) Annual Request for Waiver of Chapter 54(1)(c) (Alcoholic Beverages) of the Code of the Town of Nantucket

for Daffodil Festival Tailgate Picnic in Sconset. Cultural Affairs and Special Events Coordinator Deanna Weatherly reviewed the annual request from the Chamber of Commerce, noting this year is the 50th anniversary of the event. She reviewed changes to the event to increase safety and security. Ms. Mohr asked about changes or lessons learned from past years of the event to ensure it is more controlled. Chamber of Commerce Director Peter Burke and Events Manager Bianca Brown responded. Culture and Tourism Director Shantaw Bloise-Murphy reviewed NRTA bus access and no parking areas for Sconset. Mr. Fee said he has heard from restaurants that the issue is not overservice from them, but patrons coming into establishments already overserved. Mr. Burke said the Chamber does its best to encourage appropriate behavior. Mr. Dixon said he feels Daffodil Weekend should return to being a family event, and suggested the Board should start discussions to no longer allow the waiver of the open container bylaw after this year. Mr. Fee moved approval of items a) and b); seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted. Ms. Mohr agreed with Mr. Dixon and suggested having an agenda item on festivals in general to see where the Town wants to be.

IV. LICENSING – COMPLIANCE HEARINGS

1. Hearing to Address Multiple Violations for Seasonal All-Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License for Oswack Associates, LLC dba Bar Yoshi, Terrance Noyes, Manager, for Premises Located at 21 Old South Wharf. Ms. Baxter reviewed the events that occurred at Bar Yoshi during Christmas Stroll 2025, with alcohol being sold and served outside of the licensed premises in its catering bar van without supervision, and with patrons allowed to leave with the alcohol purchased. Ms. Baxter said there have been “lots of issues” with the licensee and the manager of record. She reviewed the recommendation of a two-day suspension, to be held in abeyance pending any further violations in the next year; if a violation does occur, the suspension will be held during Stroll 2026. Chair Hill swore in attorney Jesse Bell, representing Bar Yoshi, and Bar Yoshi partner Marc Knight. Ms. Bell reviewed Bar Yoshi’s plans to implement various changes to ensure similar incidents don’t happen again, including a manager change, improved communication with the Town, education and training, visual delineation of the licensed premises, and a corporate owner change, among others. She said closing the establishment over Stroll weekend would be financially punitive. Ms. Mohr asked who the new manager would report to, noting it shouldn’t be the current manager who hasn’t done his job properly. Ms. Bell said the new manager would be reporting to Mr. Knight or Robert Bolduc. Mr. Fee said he thought the recommendation for a two-day suspension held in abeyance is appropriate. Some discussion followed on the recommendation and how another violation would be addressed with a new hearing.

Mr. Fee moved to close the evidentiary hearing; seconded by Ms. Mohr; by roll call vote: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

Mr. Fee moved to find that on December 6, 2025, the licensee violated Chapter 207, the Town’s Alcoholic Beverage License and Regulation by operating a mobile bar outside of the approved premises, the bar service was not in a defined space nor was the space and service area actively supervised by any staff members, the alcohol was sold and served without a license, the alcohol was served in open containers and customers were allowed to leave the area with an open container, and the open containers were witnessed throughout the Old South Wharf retail area and on adjacent public streets; and to issue a two-day suspension, to be held in abeyance pending any further violations in the next year; if a violation does occur, the suspension will be held during Stroll 2026; seconded by Ms. Mohr; by roll call vote: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

V. LICENSING AND PETITIONS - PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing to Consider Application for New Common Victualler with All-Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License for SGH ACK, LLC dba The Dive, Richard Sullivan, Manager, for Premises Located at 15 South Water Street (Request to be Continued to April 27, 2026). Chair Hill opened the public hearing. Ms. Mohr moved to continue the hearing to April 27, 2026; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

2. Public Hearing to Consider Application for New Live Entertainment License for SGH ACK, LLC dba The Dive, Richard Sullivan, Manager, for Premises Located at 15 South Water Street (Request to be Continued to April 27, 2026). Chair Hill opened the public hearing. Mr. Dixon moved to continue the hearing to April 27, 2026; seconded by Ms. Mohr; by roll call vote: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

3. Public Hearing to Consider Utility Petition from Nantucket Electric Company/ National Grid, Plan #31106078 to Install Seven Primary Pull Boxes and Approximately 3,500' of a Mix of 2-4" and 4-3" PVC Conduits from Pole 11 on Surfside Road down Boulevard, Connecting to Transformers Along the Route, Ending at the Intersection with Lovers Lane. Chair Hill opened the public hearing. Ms. Mooney noted the work for this petition is already complete, as Town Administration granted National Grid permission to do the work while the petition was pending due to the Boulevard and surrounding area experiencing frequent outages. Matt Long, representing National Grid, reviewed the request.

As there was no public comment, Ms. Mohr moved to close the hearing; seconded by Mr. Dixon; by roll call vote: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

Dr. MacNab moved approval based of departmental comments; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

4. Public Hearing to Consider Utility Petition from Nantucket Electric Company/ National Grid, Plan #30352439 to Install Approximately 1,056' of 2-3" Conduit Starting at Existing Vault Located Near the Base of Pole 45 on Hummock Pond Road, Down Somerset Lane and Ending at Existing Junction MT1 on Somerset Lane. Chair Hill opened the public hearing and the hearing for item V - 5 as they are connected. Matt Long, representing National Grid, reviewed the requests. Ms. Mohr noted that a major sewer project is slated for this corridor and she said the road should not degrade any further from this petition work before the Town project commences. Public Works Director Andrew Patnode, Sewer Director David Gray and Projects Manager Kevin Manuel reviewed the proposed Town infrastructure project in this area and expressed concerns that if National Grid does this work before the Town's project, then the utilities might have to be moved as a result of the installation of sewer, drainage and a new bike path. Some discussion followed on the current condition of Somerset Lane. Mr. Gray asked if National Grid's project is critical and time sensitive, or if it can wait. Mr. Manuel asked for National Grid's timeline if these petitions are approved, adding that if the sewer project is approved at the May 4, 2026 Annual Town Meeting, the Town will be looking to start that project in the fall of 2026. Chair Hill suggested continuing the hearing to May and continue internal discussions. Ms. Mohr agreed with Chair Hill unless National Grid says there is a critical component to its petition. Mr. Long said he will check if the project is critical in nature.

Ms. Mohr moved to continue the hearings for items V. 4 – 5 to April 27, 2026; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

5. Public Hearing to Consider Utility Petition from Nantucket Electric Company/ National Grid, Plan #31106075 to Install 2-3" Conduit from Existing Junction MT1 on Somerset Lane for Approximately 475' and Ends at the Property Line of 31 Somerset Lane; and, to Install 2-3" Conduit Approximately 45' Across Somerset Lane Between Property Lines of 35 and 40 Somerset Lane. See item V - 4 above.

6. Public Hearing to Consider Utility Petition from Nantucket Electric Company/ National Grid, Plan #31106094 to Install Approximately 75' of 2-3" Conduit from Existing Riser Pole 7 on Surfside Road Across Surfside Road and Bike Path to Gladlands Avenue; to Install Approximately 100' of 2-3" Conduit from Riser Pole 19 on Surfside Road Across Surfside Road and Bike Path to Gladlands Avenue; and, to Replace Pole 19 on Surfside Road Due to Poor Condition. Chair Hill opened the public hearing. Matt Long, representing National Grid, reviewed the request. Sue Genthner asked for a timeline for the work. It was agreed that Ms. Mooney would connect Ms. Genthner with National Grid.

Mr. Fee moved to close the hearing; seconded by Ms. Mohr; by roll call vote: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

Mr. Dixon moved approval based of departmental comments and notice to Ms. Genthner as requested; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Mohr moved to adjourn at 12:07 PM; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Chair Hill – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; Ms. Mohr – Yes; so voted.

Approved the 25th day of March 2026.

**SELECT BOARD
MARCH 16, 2026 – 11:00 AM
REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM WEBINAR
NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS**

List of documents used at the meeting:

- III. 1. AIS re: Seasonal Liquor Licenses; Seasonal Renewal Certification Form; Seasonal Liquor License list
- III. 2. AIS re: Nantucket Wine & Food Festival; Wine Fest Charitable Giving Calculations; Wine Fest corporate certification; Dreamland Certification Form, Dreamland letters & event descriptions, Dreamland Charity Wine License Application; Nantucket Hotel Certification Form, Nantucket Hotel letters & event descriptions; Nantucket Inn Certification Form, Nantucket Inn letters & event descriptions, Nantucket Inn Charity Wine License Application
- III. 3. AIS re: Chamber of Commerce Daffodil Weekend; a) MassDOT Event Notification Form, Route map; b) Request for Open Container, Daffodil Parade Event Permit, Daffodil Tailgate Event Permit, Event maps
- IV. 1. AIS re: Bar Yoshi violations; Notice of Hearing; Bar Yoshi liquor license; Liquor License Disciplinary Hearing Procedure; Liquor Regulations re: Violations & Penalties; Photos; Video; Letter from Bar Yoshi attorney
- V. 3. AIS re: NGrid Petition – Boulevard; Departmental comments; Petition; Boulevard plans
- V. 4. AIS re: NGrid Petition - Somerset Ln I; Departmental comments; Petition; Somerset Ln I plans
- V. 5. AIS re: NGrid Petition - Somerset Ln II; Departmental comments; Petition; Somerset Ln II plans
- V. 6. AIS re: NGrid Petition – Surfside Rd at Gladlands; Departmental comments; Petition; Surfside Rd plans